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In re Patent Application of:  
Shigeki Sasaki

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For: THIONUCLEOSIDE S-NITROSYL  
DERIVATIVE

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Examiner: Patrick T. LEWIS

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.